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Main Entry: <sup>1</sup>at

Pronunciation: &t, 'at

Function: *preposition*

Etymology: Middle English, from Old English *ær*; akin to Old High German *az* at, Latin *ad*

1 — used as a function word to indicate presence or occurrence in, on, or near <staying *at* a hotel> <*at* a party> <sick *at* heart>

2 — used as a function word to indicate the goal of an indicated or implied action or motion <aim *at* the target> <creditors are *at* him again>

3 — used as a function word to indicate that with which one is occupied or employed <*at* work> <*at* the controls> <good *at* chess>

4 — used as a function word to indicate situation in an active or passive state or condition <*at* liberty> <*at* rest>

5 — used as a function word to indicate the means, cause, or manner <sold *at* auction> <laughed *at* my joke> <act *at* your own discretion>

6 a — used as a function word to indicate the rate, degree, or position in a scale or series <the temperature *at* 90> <*at* first> b — used as a function word to indicate age or position in time <will retire *at* 65>

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**Main Entry:** <sup>1</sup>re-mote **¶**  
**Pronunciation:** rī - 'mōt  
**Function:** *adjective*  
**Inflected Form(s):** re-moter; -est  
**Etymology:** Middle English, from Latin *remotus*, from past participle of *removēre* to remove  
**1 :** separated by an interval or space greater than usual <an involucre *remote* from the flower>  
**2 :** far *removed* in space, time, or relation : **DIVERGENT** <the *remote* past> <comments *remote* from the truth>  
**3 :** **OUT-OF-THE-WAY, SECLUDED** <a *remote* cabin in the hills>  
**4 :** acting, acted on, or controlled indirectly or from a distance <*remote* computer operation>; *also* : relating to the acquisition of information about a distant object (as by radar or photography) without coming into physical contact with it <*remote* sensing>  
**5 :** not arising from a primary or proximate action  
**6 :** small in degree : **SLIGHT** <a *remote* possibility>  
**7 :** distant in manner : **ALOOF**  
*- re-mote-ly adverb*  
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